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A HOUSE RESOLUTION commemorating the USS Indiana (SSN 789).

Whereas, The USS Indiana (SSN 789), a next-generation attack submarine, is the third ship to bear the state name Indiana;

Whereas, The submarine will provide the Navy with the capabilities required to maintain the nation's undersea supremacy well into the 21st century;

Whereas, The USS Indiana has enhanced stealth, sophisticated surveillance capabilities, and special warfare enhancements that enable it to fulfill the Navy's multimission requirements;

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Whereas, The USS Indiana (SSN 789) was built at Huntington Ingalls Industries-Newport News Shipbuilding in Newport News, Virginia, and weighs 7,800 tons and is 377 feet in length;

Whereas, The submarine has a beam of 34 feet and operates at more than 25 knots submerged and is designed with a reactor plant that will not require refueling during the planned life of the ship, reducing lifecycle costs while increasing underway time;

Whereas, It is part of a group of submarines that has the capability to attack targets ashore with highly accurate Tomahawk cruise missiles and can conduct covert, long-term surveillance of land areas, littoral waters, or other sea-based forces;

Whereas, The USS Indiana can conduct antisubmarine and antiship warfare, mine delivery, and minefield mapping, and was designed for Special Forces delivery and support; and

Whereas, Vessels such as the USS Indiana help keep freedom alive around the world: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives recognizes the outstanding capabilities of the USS Indiana (SSN 789) to protect and defend our nation and the world and is honored that such a capable vessel bears the name of our state.

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SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the commander of the USS Indiana.

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